

**Please take a moment and contact the following elected representatives.
Ask that they:**

**Help Save South Mountain
by contacting the Gila River Indian Community to see if they will,
at this point in time, consider an alignment
of the western 202 freeway
on their land.**

Reducing or eliminating damage to South Mountain Preserve is possible.
Worth noting too that any consideration of realignment onto the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) land should include a complete Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

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A rizona Department of Transportation has not considered contacting the Gila River Indian Community during the past decade of planning. But we are looking to the future and today the Gila River Indian Community is willing to consider having part of the 202 western loop on their land. We hope our elected representatives will do what the ADOT bureaucrats will not consider.

According to the Arizona Republic, the October 28th meeting of the Regional Council of the Maricopa Association of Governments voted to cut a \$16 billion freeway-improvement program to just \$9.4 billion.

BACKGROUND

The current ADOT 202 western alignment would necessitate a canyon to be created out of the mountain ranges at the west end of South Mountain.

A sacred area to Native Americans, this freeway would compromise one of Arizona's rare collection of natural values and popular recreational areas by shaving off the west end of the Preserve.

If built, this freeway will negatively impact the west end of the South Mountain Park & Preserve forever.

The 202 will impact the Preserve with noise and air pollution and it will affect Sonoran desert plants, wildlife habitat, and wildlife connections.

Your action is needed immediately, ADOT is quickly moving forward with an alignment which threatens this beautiful landmark and recreational area at a cost projected at \$1.9 billion.

> Since ADOT drew the line of a road through South Mountain PMPC have opposed the plan to cutoff part of South Mountain Park & Preserve.

> Other options have always existed but have been ignored by ADOT. Their decades-old plan, is being managed today with only one goal: A freeway to move more trucks through the central metro area.

> MAG (Phoenix and other city mayors of Maricopa County) have voted to damage South Mountain

Park & Preserve in advance of required Environmental Impact Statement.

> ADOT still fails to provide a complete analysis of this part of the 202. Damage to Preserves' plants, wildlife, and air quality (CO2 problem already) are obvious. However, ADOT's responsibility for analysis of the direct and cumulative environmental impacts (including GRIC's land) have not been completed.

> South Mountain Freeway (Loop 202) was excluded by Chapter 26 of the Phoenix City Charter that now requires voter approval of any preserve land considered for freeway use.

For more details see azcentral.com

Use keywords: west loop 202.